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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter the Preliminary Amendment as follows:

In the Specification: /

Please amend the specification on page 1, immediately following the title by inserting the following:

Related Applications

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This application claims priority under Title 35 §119(e) of United States Provisional Application No. 60/129,596, filed April 15, 1999, and entitled COMPOUND SCREENING METHODS and foreign priority benefits under Title 35, U.S.C., §119(a)-(d) or §365(a),(b) of foreign patent application no. GB 9908670.4, filed April 15, 1999, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 10, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 27, 29, 30, 34, 36, 39, 40, 42, 53, 58, 60, 62, 67, 71, 73, 74, 76, 77, 80, 81, 83, 91, 93, 95, 97, 107, 108, 110, 112, 113, 117, 119, 122, 123, 125, 137, 149, 151, 152, 153, 154, 156, 159, 160, 162, 179, 182, 183, and 185 before calculating the filing fee as follows:

10. (Amended) A method as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7 [the preceding claims] wherein the step of detecting a signal comprises detecting a change in a measurable property of a marker molecule, whereby a change in the property of the marker molecule